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Police arrest 6 at CIA protest on UW campus

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Joan M. Jaeger got what a group of 100 frustrated protesters wanted Wednesday: a few minutes with the Central Intelligence Agency.

Minutes before anti-CIA protesters and police scuffled outside the University of Wisconsin-Madison Engineering Building, Jaeger slipped through the angry crowd and scooted toward a nearby parking lot.

Jaeger, 22, had a job interview with the Central Intelligence Agency, whose campus recruiter was the target of ire for chanting protesters who sparred with police officers throughout the rainy afternoon.

"The CIA is not as barbaric as people seem to think they are," said Jaeger, a double-major in Russian and area studies who signed up to see the recruiter after the CIA interviews were announced in her Russian class.

"It's not all going out and shooting people," said Jaeger, who added she hoped to get a job with the CIA as an analyst.

Lamoin W. Werlein, and other protesters who stood in a steady rain during much of the four-hour protest, said he begs to differ.

Werlein was one of several speakers who, at a campus rally, recited a litany of "CIA crimes" in Central America and other regions during the past decade. With a group that gathered at the Memorial Union, he marched to meet the recruiters much like other protesters have done each semester for years.

But like protesters last April, he and his cohorts settled for a confrontation with 40 police officers who blocked their way.

Police Mace canisters stayed tucked away, but University Police and Security officers, backed by members of State Capitol Security and the Town of Madison and Shorewood Hills departments, arrested Werlein and five others — four of them during a scuffle that injured one female student and three police officers.

About 25 protesters fought police who tried to confiscate a portable public address system the protesters were using to shout slogans at the second floor placement offices where a CIA recruiter was conducting the last of 50 interviews with UW-Madison students.

J. Elise Johnston, 21, said she suffered a cut above her left eye when police broke into a group of protesters who had linked arms to form a barricade between police and the public address system.

A PA speaker, dropped by a protester who was jostled in the melee, struck Johnston in the head after she was knocked to the concrete outside the building's main entrance.

Police later took Johnston to University Hospital and Clinics, where she was treated and released.

Three police officers sustained cuts and scrapes, and one also sprained his elbow, according to Lt. Phillip C. Dixon, University Police and Security spokesman.

Dixon said the officers confiscated the PA on the orders of Chief Ralph Hanson, who unsuccessfully tried to remove it.

"We were met with a lot of obstruction," said Dixon, who was one of four officers who scuffled with protesters in the incident. "They were very combative in their actions."

During the minute-long tussle, police and protesters wrestled both on their feet and on the ground as officers sought to handcuff and haul away those who had prevented them from obtaining the PA system.

Officers took away the PA because protesters did not have a permit to use it during class hours, Dixon said. The interviews were not disrupted by the incident, which took place below windows where students were waiting to meet the CIA, he said.

Arrested in the incident were UW-Madison student Ann M. Adelsberger, 18, 620 N. Carroll St., for disorderly conduct and obstructing officers; student Douglas J. Hoppmann, 25, 244 Lake Lawn Place, for disorderly con-

duct, resisting arrest and obstructing officers; student Robert G. Koenig, 23, 403 Washburn Place, for disorderly conduct and obstructing officers; and David Read, 24, 146 Langdon St., for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

All except Read posted bond and were released, according to a spokesman at the Dane County Jail.

Longtime activist Bennett Masel, 31, was the first protester arrested Wednesday when he tried to slide past the line of officers barricading the front entrance.

Masel, who returned to the protest before it finished, said he posted his own \$200 bond for disorderly conduct.

Werlein, 21, was arrested for disorderly conduct when a downpour erupted and protesters tried to seek shelter under an overhang sheltering the Engineering Building entrance.

A high school student also was arrested for trying to take a police officer's hat, Dixon said.

Dixon said protesters "pelted us with eggs and animal feces" during the protest, which broke up about 5 p.m. after rainsoaked demonstrators learned the CIA recruiter had left.

He said other protesters, who entered the building through a side door, set bags of feces on fire in the hallways of the building, in which classes were held as scheduled.

Although Chancellor Irving Shain had declared the building off limits to anyone who did not have official university business there, police did not try to arrest any of the protesters who got inside.

A few engineering students who did have business in the building had trouble getting inside. Dennis Egan, a mechanical engineering senior, couldn't convince officers that he had an appointment at the Engineering Placement Office.

Egan, dressed in jeans, a sleeveless shirt and fishing hat, said he needed to set up an interview with Shell Oil.

He said he'd never sign on with the CIA, but Egan said he was "not impressed" by the protesters' methods. Egan said anti-CIA activists should show students why they shouldn't seek jobs with the agency, rather than deny access to recruiters.

"If there was nobody on the list for two or three semesters, they wouldn't be here anymore," Egan said.